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February 22, 2005

Office of International Corporate Finance Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re:

Electrocomponents plc – Exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

SEC File No. 82-34672 Our File No. 018-031-00222

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the undertaking of Electrocomponents plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales (the "Company"), to furnish the Securities and Exchange Commission with certain information described in its request for an exemption from Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as more fully set forth in the Company's letter to the Commission dated July 25, 2002, and received by the Commission on July 29, 2002, the Company hereby submits the following:

February 18, 2005 Stock Exchange Announcement - Notification of Substantial Shareholder

The Company understands that pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) the information and document furnished hereby will not deemed to be "filed" with the Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and that neither this letter nor the furnishing of such information and document constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Exchange Act.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter, and of the enclosed material from the Company, by datestamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to the undersigned in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 230-5208.

Very Truly Yours,

SHULMAN, ROGERS, GANDAL, PORDY & ECKER, P.A

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REG-Electrocomponents Holding(s) in Company

RNS Number:7800I Electrocomponents PLC 18 February 2005

the Company.

ELECTROCOMPONENTS PLC ("the Company")

NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 198 - COMPANIES ACT 1985

The Company received notification on 17th February 2005 in accordance with Section 198 of the Companies Act that as at the close of business on 15 February 2005, UBS AG, acting through it's business group and legal entities detailed below, had an interest in 51,753,169 Ordinary shares of Electrocomponents PLC representing a total of 11.89% of the total issued share capital of

Number of Shares % held

51,753,169

11.89

| MATERIAL UBS Global Asset Management Life Limited 0.39 UBS AG London Branch 0.06 | 1,679,5 241,101 | i40 |
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| NON MATERIAL | | |
| UBS Global Asset (UK) Management 0.73 | 3,185,44 | .9 |
| UBS Global Asset Management 9.53 | 41,491,356 | ı |
| UBS Wealth Management and Business Banking 0.02 | 86 | 5,000 |
| UBS Laing and Cruikshank Limited | 5,063,723 | |
| 1.16 UBS AG Jersey Branch | 6,000 | 0.00 |

CARMELINA CARFORA

Group Company Secretary

18 February 2005

UBS AG TOTAL

This information is provided by RNS
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